in which the seal between the lid 30 and container 10 does not need to be as rugged or withstand as much handling or force, the detent engagement described herein may not be necessary.

The paragraph beginning on page 8, line 12, has been amended as follows:

FIGS. 1 and 4 also illustrates the relationship of inner "walls" such as corner structure 47. Persons of ordinary skill in the art will understand that, in certain applications, it may be necessary or desirable to include various shapes (such as wall 47) within the lid 30, spaced from the channel/seal elements of the lid and container. In such embodiments, the desired liquid-tight seal can best be maintained by providing the inner flange 42 (see FIG. 4) on the lid in abutting contact with the container upper edge 12 around the full perimeter of the container.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. Apparatus for providing a liquid-tight seal, including: a container having an upper edge defining an opening; and an injection-molded lid configured to cover said opening, said lid having a channel at its periphery, said channel configured to abut and form a liquid-tight seal with said upper edge of said container when said lid is assembled on said container, in which said channel includes an outer skirt and an inner skirt generally downwardly directed, and said outer skirt includes a lower portion spaced outwardly from said container upper edge and said inner skirt includes a lower portion spaced inwardly from said container upper edge to facilitate ready alignment and engagement of said lid on said container, said lower portion including a removable tear

strip, and corresponding tongue and groove members on said lid and said container to interfit with each other within said channel, said tongue member having a primary cross-sectional axis that is sloped with respect to the center of said container rather than being vertical.

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2. Apparatus for providing a liquid-tight seal, including: a container having an upper edge defining an opening; and an injection-molded lid configured to cover said opening, said lid having a channel at its periphery, said channel configured to abut and form a liquid-tight seal with said upper edge of said container when said lid is assembled on said container, in which said container upper edge is tapered from a relatively thinner dimension to a relatively thicker dimension moving in from said upper edge toward a bottom portion of said container, and said channel includes a corresponding tapered section, said tapering relationship providing contacting and sealing engagement between said lid and said container on both an inner contact surface and an outer contact surface of said upper edge.

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4. Apparatus for providing a liquid-tight seal, including: a container having an upper edge defining an opening; and an injection-molded lid configured to cover said opening, said lid having a channel at its periphery, said channel configured to abut and form a liquid-tight seal with said upper edge of said container when said lid is assembled on said container, in which said channel on said lid is formed by an inner skirt and an outer skirt, both of which are generally downwardly directed, and said outer skirt includes a lower portion spaced outwardly from said container upper edge to facilitate engagement of said lid on said container.